

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed January 27, 2005 has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claim 1 is canceled. Claims 2, 4, 5, 6, 11, and 12 have been amended and claims 14-19 are added. Claims 2-19 are pending in this application, with claims 7 and 8 being the only independent claims. Reconsideration of the above-identified application, as herein amended and in view of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action mailed January 27, 2005, claims 1-5 and 11-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over AAPA in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,096,175 (Lange).

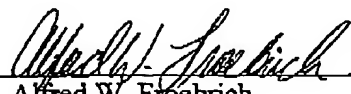
Claims 7-10 were found to be allowable. In view of the allowable claims, independent claim 1 is canceled and claims 2, 4, 5, 6, 11, and 12 are rewritten to be dependent on allowable claim 7. In addition, new claims 14-19, which correspond to claims 2-5 and 11-12, respectively, are added as dependent on allowable claim 8.

Since all claims remaining in the application were found to be allowable or are dependent on claims found to be allowable, the application is now deemed to be in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is solicited.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application. However, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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